

null  
Diana T Fritz 08/28/2006 03:57:35 PM From DB/Inbox: Search Results

Cable  
Text:

UNCLAS ABU DHABI 03927

SIPDIS  
CXABU:

ACTION: PAO  
INFO: ECON POL AMB DCM

DISSEMINATION: PAO  
CHARGE: PROG

APPROVED: PAO:HOLSIN-WINDECKER  
DRAFTED: PAO:AHOSHAN  
CLEARED: PAO:HOLSIN-WINDECKER

VZCZCADI692  
OO RUEHC RUENAAA RUEKJCS RUEHZM RUEHLO RUEHFR  
RHRMDAB RHMFIUU RUCQSOC  
DE RUEHAD #3927/01 2571533  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
O 141533Z SEP 05  
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1583  
RUENAAA/SECNAV WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
RUEHZM/GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL COLLECTIVE  
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 0932  
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 0960  
RHRMDAB/COMUSNAVCENT  
RHMFIUU/USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL//CCPA//  
RUCQSOC/USSOCOM MACDILL AFB FL//PA//

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 ABU DHABI 003927

SIPDIS

STATE FOR NEA/ARP; NEA/PPD; NEA/RA; INR/R/MR; PA;  
INR/NESA; INR/B; IIP/G/NEA-SA  
WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESS OFFICE; NSC  
SECDEF FOR OASD/PA  
USCINCCENT FOR POLAD  
LONDON FOR GOLDRICH; PARIS FOR ZEYA  
LONDON PASS MOC

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [OIIP](#) [KMDR](#) [TC](#)  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: 9/11/ CONTRIBUTION TO KATRINA VICTIMS

11. SUMMARY: ALL ARABIC AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILIES COVERED MISSION'S COMMEMORATION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT WAS ATTENDED BY THE RELIGIOUS ADVISOR OF THE PRESIDENT, SENIOR UAE OFFICIALS AND CHIEFS OF MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN THE UAE. A SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE THANKING THE UAEG FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO KATRINA VICTIMS WAS CARRIED IN ALL PAPERS. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL-BAYAN" ADMITS THAT THE ATTACKS REPRESENTED A SHOCK AND HUMILIATION THAT OBLIGED THE U.S. TO RESPOND, YET THE REACTION WENT TOO FAR TO THE LEVEL OF REFORMULATING THE REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. INTERESTS. "AL-KHALEEJ" WONDERS ABOUT THE RESULT OF U.S. WAR AGAINST TERRORISM, NOTING THAT THE WAR THAT COST \$500 BILLIONS ACHIEVED NOTHING AND AFGHANISTAN REMAINS A QUAGMIRE, BEN LADEN REMAINS ALIVE AND IRAQ HAS TURNED FROM A SMALL NATION BESEIGED BY THE U.S. INTO A NATION THAT BESEIGES AMERICA. A COMMENTATOR IN AL ITTIHAD SAYS ARAB REGIMES CHANGE ONLY IF AMERICA KICKS ASS. END SUMMARY

12. ALL ARABIC AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES ON 9/12 FEATURED THE EMBASSY'S OBSERVATION OF THE 9/11 TERRIRST ATTACKS.

THE ARABIC DAILY "AL-ITTIHAD" HEADLINED:

"THE AMERICAN EMBASSY OBSERVES THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11

ATTACKS. SISON: `THE UAE IS A STANCH AND STRONG ALLY IN CONFRONTING TERRORISM. HASHEMI CALLS FOR MORE EFFORTS TO SPREAD VALUES OF LOVE AND TOLERANCE WORLDWIDE."

ARABIC DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" HEADLINED:

"U.S. AMBASSADOR PRAISES UAE'S SUPPORT. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI OBSERVES THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11."

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY DUBAI-BASED DAILY "KHALEEJ TIMES" HEADLINED:

"4TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 OBSERVED. ENVOYS, DIPLOMATS, UAE OFFICIALS GATHERED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY. U.S. THANKS UAE FOR KATRINA AID."

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DUBAI-BASED DAILY "GULF NEWS" HEADLINED:

"U.S. EMBASSY HOLDS 9/11 REMEBRANCE CEREMONY."

13. 9/14, ALL PAPERS CARRIED AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THANKING THE UAEG FOR KATRINA ASSISTANCE. AL-ITTIHAD HAD THE STORY ON PAGE 1 UNDER THE BANNER. THE FULL TEXT AND PHOTO WAS PUBLISHED ON OFFICIAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WEBSITE.

14. UNDER THE HEADLINE "9/11 AND THE MOUNTING CONSEQUENCES", DUBAI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL BAYAN," (CIRCULATION 90,000):

"ALTHOUGH THE ATTACKS REPRESENTED A SHOCK AND HUMILIATION THAT AMERICA HAD TO RESPOND TO WITH A SIMILAR POWER, YET THE RESPONSE WAS TAKEN UNILATERALLY AND WENT FAR BEYOND ALL NORMS AND IGNORED ALL OPPOSITION BY UN. THIS MADE PEOPLE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS USING THE EVENT AS A PRETEXT TO REFORMULATE AND REMAP THE ENTIRE REGION."

15. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY: WHAT HAS BEEN CHANGED?", SHARJAH-BASED PAN -ARAB DAILY "AL KHALEEJ," (CIRCULATION 85,000):

"THE FIRST QUESTION AMERICA ASKED ITSELF ON THE MORNING OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY IS: WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS DURING WHICH WE FOUGHT TWO HUGE BATTLES AND A GLOBAL WAR AGAINST TERRORISM WHERE WE SPENT MORE THAN \$500 BILLIONS ON FOREIGN AND NATIONAL SECURITY? THE INITIAL ANSWER IS SIMPLY NOTHING; AFGHANISTAN REMAINS A QUAGMIRE AS IT WAS BEFORE THE YEAR 2001 AND IRAQ HAS BEEN TURNED FROM A SMALL NATION BESEIGED BY THE U.S. INTO A STATE THAT BESEIGES THE U.S. AFTER THE INVASION. ABOVE ALL, OSAMA BIN LADEN REMAINS ALIVE AND MOVES COMPLETELY FREE BETWEEN LONDON, MADRID AND SOUTHEASTERN CAPITALS AND MAY BE SOON BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND NEW JERSEY."

16. COMMENTATOR ABDULLAH RASHEED WROTE UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE POLICY OF KICK ASS", IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ABU DHABI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL ITTIHAD," (CIRCULATION 65,000):

". THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ARAB WORLD HAS WITNESSED REMARKABLE CHANGES DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, THESE CHANGES WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT FOREIGN PRESSURE, NAMELY AMERICAN PRESSURE ON MOST ARAB REGIMES. THE CHANGE AND THE CALL FOR CHANGE CAME IN REACTION TO FOREIGN PRESSURE THAT FORCED THE ARAB REGIMES TO GIVE IN, AND NOT IN RESPONSE TO INTERNAL NEEDS AS MANY TRY TO DELUDE THEMSELVES. THE FACT IS, WITHOUT WESTERN DEMANDS AND WITHOUT U.S. EFFORTS TO FORCE ARAB NATIONS TO TAKE THESE STEPS, USING STICKS SOMETIMES AND CARROTS OTHER TIMES, THESE REGIMES WOULD NOT GIVE IN TO THE DESIRES OF THEIR PEOPLE. THE ARAB WORLD OFTEN BEHAVES LIKE AN ADOLESCENT, WHO ONLY IS DETERRED IF HE IS KICKED ON HIS ASS. `THE CHANGE FROM INSIDE' IS A JOKE THAT WAS PROMOTED BY THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE ARAB INTELLCTUALS AND CAN REALLY BE CONSIDERED AS THE JOKE OF THE YEAR THAT NO SANE INDIVIDUAL WILL BUY. THOSE WHO BELIEVE THIS ARE DELUDED. ARAB POLICIES ARE GOOD ONLY WITH KICK ASS."

SISON